



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg, William Wallrapp, Omaha's Resident Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Mickey Leadingham, Omaha's Resident Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and Acting Omaha Police Chief Alex Hayes announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

Antonio Azpeitia was sentenced by the Honorable Lyle E. Strom, United States District Judge. Mr. Azpeitia was sentenced to 140 months in prison followed by five years of supervised release for the charge of possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine. He will also forfeit \$884.00 in United States currency as drug proceeds. Mr. Azpeitia was also sentenced to 140 months and three years of supervised release for illegally re-entering the United States following deportation and for being a felon in possession of a firearm. He will also forfeit the firearm. The terms of incarceration and supervised release are to run concurrently with each other.

Name of Defendant: Antonio Azpeitia

AKA: Markei Pena, Antonio Ramirez, Refusio Virguen

Age: 32

City of Residence: Omaha

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, 5-40 years incarceration, not more than a \$2,000,000 fine, at least 4 years of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment. Illegally re-entering the United States following deportation, not more than 10 years incarceration, not more than a \$250,000 fine, not more than 3 years supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment. Being a felon in possession of a firearm carries not more than 10 years incarceration, not more than a \$250,000 fine, not

more than 3 years supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: 31st and Pacific for the drug crime; Churchich Park, 50th and I-80 for the gun crime - both located in Omaha, NE.

Location of Arrest: 31st and Pacific, Omaha, NE

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: Methamphetamine

Others Charged in Same Scheme:

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: March 5, 2008 (illegal reentry and felon in possession of firearm); December 31, 2008 (possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine)

Federal Arrest Date: 6/4/09 (illegal reentry and felon in possession of firearm); 1/29/09 (possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine)

Date Complaint Issued: N/A

Indictment Returned Date: 5/21/09 (illegal reentry and felon in possession of firearm); 1/22/09 (possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine)

Initial Appearance Date: 6/4/09 (illegal reentry and felon in possession of firearm); 1/29/09 (possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine)

Plea Date(s): 7/31/09

Sentencing Date: November 13, 2009

Next Court Hearing Type and Date:

Assigned Magistrate Judge: F. A. Gossett

Held without Bond: Yes

In Continuous Custody Since: 12/31/08 and Federal custody since 1/29/09

Assigned District Court Judge: Lyle E. Strom

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